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Dear Dave:

Arnold Thackray has asked me to put his name before you as a candidate for the editorship of Science.

I have a little trouble getting a clear view of the qualifications for a position that I would have so little taste for myself. I suppose there must be people who would absolutely relish the arbitration of squabbles, and keep their eye on the higher motives of maintaining an exquisite vehicle of scientific communications. As I suspect that may well be in Arnold's mind, and I have to credit him with some imagination about the flip side of the task, I suggest that the AAAS really do take Arnold's availability very seriously.

I'm enclosing some material that he has sent me, which I believe will be contributory to the judgements of your committee.

Arnold has such an extraordinarily broad view of science embedded in culture, that I can see him making the most creative contribution to our communication channel, not only within the customary definition of its audience but also speaking to the rest of the articulate world.

I'm also enclosing a somewhat more formal letter of commendation that you should feel free to circulate, of course, among the search committee.

Yours sincerely,



Joshua Lederberg